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Dear Les,

Your letter of July 30 did not, as you hoped, find me better. But it sure made me feel better! I appreciate it and the check very much.

I've just returned for Georgetown Hospital, where everybody was just wonderful.

I'm nine months from Medicaid and pay more than \$1300 a year for care and I've not been getting it. But the local doctor and these two at Georgetown were just wonderful human beings with me.

I have no idea what the bills will be but this makes your check that much more welcome. We do appreciate it, very much.

I also don't know what the scoop is, except that a period of testing lies ahead. Their* opinion is that it may be something different than I've had. The first of the tests will be done locally. If after they are completed the problems is not resolved I'll be hospitalized for what I think is called an arteriogram. They inject a radioactive dye into the arteries and they shoot X-rays like hell. *like a movie camera almost if it is like the similar test with the veins, which I had when you saw me in the hospital. There is some risk in this so it is not done without need. The one with the veins is what you wish on those for whom you have no life.

* They^{SV} the chief of surgery and his assistant, together and separately. The chief was the consultant on the Nixon cases. They made a partyline out of some kind of examination of the arteries with ultrasound. The chief brought his carpiece in and was listening so his assistant went out and got his and came back as plugged in.

If you have to have trouble it is a blessing to fall into the hands of such people.

In the morning I'm going to try to get into a frame of mind for writing. I've more records than a boyx could use in a long lifetime so I'd better get back to it.

If Gary calls he'll be welcome, he can use my copy machine and copy whatever he wants and if he wants I'll put him in touch with Mike, who also is unselfish in this matter. If Gary does not and you come, I'll be looking forward to it.

There was another letter something like yours from a reporter friend who is a friend of Steve Bell's. I've never met Steve but he said some kind things about the ~~program~~ ^{program} we did when I was in NYC and he in Washington 6/15. Between them they brightened the day. It was Good Morning America, the show Jack does.

On the affidavit, please call Jim Lesar when you get back from your trip. He works most of the night so about 10:30 a.m. is generally a good time at his home, 434-6023. His office is 233-5587.

Hope it is a good trip.

Best,